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SUBJECT: ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS--AUTOMOBILES

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL WE INFORMED THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (FIELDING) OF THE NEGATIVE FINDING BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION ON INJURY TO THE US AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRIES BY IMPORTS.

2. THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION HAD ALREADY RECEIVED WORD OF THE FINDING FROM ITS DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON AND FROM NEWS TICKER ITEMS. IT ISSUED AT ITS REGULAR NOON BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 9 THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN REGARD TO THE FINDING: BEGIN TEXT: THE COMMISSION HAS NOTED WITH CONCERN THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, TO THE EFFECT THAT IMPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES INTO THE UNITED STATES MAY BE DAMAGING THE US AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY. THIS MEANS THAT THE US TREASURY'S INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED DUMPING OF EUROPEAN AUTOMOBILES WILL CONTINUE, WITH THE HARASSMENT, LEGAL EXPENSE AND POSSIBLE DISRUPTION TO TRADE WHICH THIS IMPLIES.

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IN THE COMMISSION'S VIEW, IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES OF

AUTOMOBILES FROM THE COMMUNITY ARE REASONABLY PRICED AND ARE MANIFESTLY NOT CAUSING, OR THREATENING TO CAUSE, MATERIAL INJURY TO THE US AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY. THE INITIATION AND PURSUIT OF THE US TREASURY'S INVESTIGATION INTO ANTI-DUMPING, AS FAR AS COMMUNITY AUTOMOBILES ARE CONCERNED, CONSEQUENTLY APPEARS TO THE COMMISSION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING CODE, TO WHICH THE US IS A PARTY.

THE COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND HAS ALREADY MADE CLEAR TO THE US AUTHORITIES THE SERIOUS VIEW WHICH IT TAKES OF THIS THREAT TO A TRADITIONAL AND IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MARKET IN THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT.

3. SOAMES TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD THAT THIS WAS THE MILDEST STATEMENT WHICH THE EC COMMISSION COULD HAVE ISSUED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE. CONSEQUENTLY HE FELT THAT HE HAD LIVED UP TO HIS PROMISE TO AMBASSADOR DENT TO AVOID A PROVOCATIVE EC COMMISSION REACTION TO THE FINDING. GREENWALD

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